



High-Profile Information Technology Project Status Report

Department: Children and Families (DCF)

Project Name: BRITS

Business Sponsor: Fay Simonini

Date of Report: 04/17/2017

Reporting for Quarter: FY17 Q3

Project Start Date: 4/2017

Planned Implementation Date: 6/2020

Estimated Project Cost: \$6,575,000

Amount Provided Through Master Lease: 0

Project Description

The BRITS project aims to modernize the fraud determination screens of the mainframe CARES system. With this modernization, the system will be rewritten in a web based architecture that will form the foundation of the whole public assistance collections platform, which collected nearly \$8 million in 2014. While phase 1 was initially thought to be a modernization only, changes to fraud determination processes resulting from the creation of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Department of Health Services (DHS), have also made this project a process redesign, which significantly changed scope in the second quarter of fiscal year 2015. A rediscovery effort was commenced to capture these new requirements and incorporate them into the BRITS project.

The end result of BRITS phase 1 was a comprehensive fraud determination system that covers the needs of DHS and DCF for the programs of FoodShare, Medicaid, Child Care and W-2. The process flow of the system will also meet the needs of all programs, as well as the needs of OIG within DHS. This user friendly system with increased functionality will serve to raise overall collections through increased claims establishment. Phase 2 is focusing on claims creation and collection.

Project Funding –

FED \$2,630,000 PR \$3,945,000

Project Status – Determine the status for the Schedule and Budget categories below based on the guidelines on the right and described in more detail on page 2 of this document.

Insert an X in the column that best describes the status of the category. Add comments for that category as needed.

Additional comments are not required if the status is Green, but if a category has a status of Yellow or Red, describe the issues or problems and what actions the agency is taking to address them.

STATUS COLOR INDICATORS

Green

On target as planned

Yellow

Encountering **issues** (e.g., Schedule or Budget over by 10% to 25%)

Red

Encountering **problems** (e.g., Schedule or Budget over by 25% or more)

Project Status Categories	Green	Yellow	Red
<p>Schedule Status</p> <p>Phase 1 was deployed in FY17 Q2 (Nov 2016). This quarter was spent on developing enhancements and fixes to phase one release, which will be released in July as version 1.1 of BRITS. Work is also beginning on Phase 2 which will focus on claims establishment and collection. Some statistics on release 1.0 are below.</p> <p>New referrals created: 26,559 Referrals Modified: 27,971 Closed Referrals: 110,796 Distinct Users Logged In: 1,041 Total Sessions: 36,765 Documents Uploaded: 12,761</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Budget Status</p> <p>The BRITS project is slightly over budget at this time, which is not entirely unexpected given the effort needed for releasing version 1 of the product. This is expected to come in line by the end of the fiscal year.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Summarize Any Completed Major Tasks or Project Phases:

Release of Phase 1 was in November 2016. The focus has been on improvements to Phase I features, supporting the new release, and preparing for the release of version 1.1.

Version 1.1 is under development and expected to be released in July of 2017.

Summarize Any Significant Project Changes Affecting Schedule, Budget or Scope:

For each change, describe what the change involved, when it was approved, and the reasons behind the approved change.

The project will now shift from strictly new development, to supporting a production product as well as developing a phase 2 which will include claim creation and collection functionality.

Additional Comments or Issues (optional):

If you have any additional overall status comments about the project (e.g., project news, accomplishments, emerging challenges or risks that could affect the project), please provide them here.

After a successful release, we are now discussing phase 2 scope. Work will begin on phase 2 soon and will ramp up after the release of version 1.1.

Project Status Category Guidelines**Schedule Status**

Green – Indicates that the project or phase is on track for the targeted implementation date.

Yellow – Indicates that the project or phase may be falling behind and analysis needs to be done to determine if the project can recover and still achieve the targeted implementation date, or if adjustments must be made to that date.

Red – Indicates that the project or critical tasks have fallen behind schedule, and corrective action must be taken to still achieve the targeted implementation date or that date must be changed.

Budget Status

Green – Currently on target with project budget.

Yellow – Project is over budget by 10 to 25%.

Red – Project is over budget by 25% or more.